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Boise, Meridian schools to represent Idaho in National Science Bowl

Students from the Treasure Valley Math and Science Center in Boise and Cole Valley Christian School in Meridian will compete in a national science and mathematics competition after winning the Idaho National Laboratory Scholastic Tournament.

Treasure Valley Math and Science Center won the INL Scholastic Tournament's Class A division, Cole Valley Christian School won the Class B division, and Riverstone International School took the Class C division.

The three teams competed in a playoff round to see which two would represent Idaho at the U.S. Department of Energy's National Science Bowl, which starts April 27 in Washington D.C. Treasure Valley Math and Science Center in Boise and Cole Valley Christian School in Meridian won the playoff round.

In all, 20 high school teams competed in today's state championship, which was held at the ISU/UI University Place campus in Idaho Falls.

The National Science Bowl is an academic competition that tests students' knowledge of math and science. High school and middle school students are quizzed in a fast-paced question-and-answer format similar to Jeopardy. DOE launched the competition in 1991 to encourage high school students to excel in science and math and to pursue careers in those fields.

This is the 22nd year Idaho National Laboratory has sponsored the Jeopardy-style tournament in which teams of high school students buzz in to answer math- and science-related questions.

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